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SUMMARY. AUGUST 25 IZVESTIYA COMMENTARY CONTRASTS
ATTITUDES OF U.S. WITH THOSE OF ITS ALLIES ON ECONOMIC
SANCTIONS AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION, HIGHLIGHTING ALLEGED
REFUSAL OF U.S. ALLIES TO REFRAIN FROM SALE OF SPERRY-
RAND TYPE COMPUTER TO USSR. COMMENTARY ATTACKS JACKSON-
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VANIK AMENDMENT ALONG STANDARD LINES, AND CRITICIZES
ADMINISTRATION EFFORTS TO OBTAIN CONGRESSIONAL RECON-
SIDERATION AS INSUFFICIENT, ESPECIALLY GIVEN ITS RECENT
TRADE RESTRICTIONS. UNCERTAINTY ABOUT "ALREADY
CONCLUDED" BUSINESS DEALS IS HELD TO BE LEGACY OF
RECOMMENDATIONS BY NSC ADVISER HUNTINGTON. COMMENTARY
CONCLUDES THAT GROUPS OPPOSED TO DETENTE ARE MORE AGGRE-

SSIVE AND INFLUENTIAL IN U.S. THAN IN WESTERN EUROPE, AND U.S. PUBLIC OPINION MORE SUSCEPTIBLE THAN WEST EUROPEAN TO MANIPULATION BY THEM. WEST EUROPEANS, BY CONTRAST, VALUE DETENTE MORE HIGHLY AND ARE UNWILLING TO SACRIFICE ECONOMIC TIES ON "ALTAR OF REGULAR ANTI-SOVIET PSYCHOSIS." END SUMMARY.

1. AUGUST 25 IZVESTIYA COMMENTARY BY POLITICAL OBSERVER STANISLAV KONDRASHOV, HEADLINED "A SOBER APPROACH AND THE DEMON OF ANTI-SOVIETISM," CONTRASTS ATTITUDES OF US AND ITS ALLIES TOWARD ECONOMIC SANCTIONS. KONDRASHOV REFERS TO PREVIOUS IZVESTIYA REPORT (REFTEL) ON US REQUEST THAT ALLIES REFRAIN FROM SALE TO USSR OF COMPUTER SIMILAR TO SPERRY-RAND'S AND RECALLS THAT FRENCH AND WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENTS HAVE REJECTED REQUEST, THAT "EVASIVE" REPLY FROM LONDON AMOUNTS TO A DIPLOMATIC REFUSAL, AND THAT TOKYO ALSO IS IN NO HURRY TO SUPPORT WHITE HOUSE DECISION.

2. KONDRASHOV ARGUES THAT ISSUE DOES NOT MERELY INVOLVE PROFITABLE ORDERS LOST TO THE US THROUGH SHORT-SIGHTEDNESS WHICH THE WEST EUROPEANS ARE PREPARED TO PICK UP. RESORT BY THE US TO TRADE SANCTIONS IS AN EXAMPLE OF CONDITIONED REFLEXES OF THE COLD WAR APPEARING MORE FORCEFULLY IN THE US IN RECENT TIMES. IN THIS RESPECT, KONDRASHOV SINGLES OUT THE JACKSON-VANIK AMENDMENT, WHICH IS NOT ONLY INTERFERENCE IN SOVIET INTERNAL AFFAIRS, BUT HAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NARROWED THE PROSPECTS FOR BILATERAL TRADE AND HARMED AMERICAN BUSINESS. ADMINISTRATION EFFORTS TO OBTAIN CONGRESSIONAL RECONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDMENT ARE CRITICIZED AS INSUFFICIENT, INASMUCH AS THE WHITE HOUSE ITSELF HAS CONTINUED "AND EVEN STRENGTHENED" PLAYING ON THE "DEMON OF ANTI-SOVIETISM."

3. KONDRASHOV REMINDS THAT HUNTINGTON, WHOM HE IDENTIFIES AS ONE OF BRZEZINSKI'S CLOSEST ADVISERS, HAD PROPOSED A LINKAGE BETWEEN US-SOVIET TRADE AND SOVIET CONDUCT IN AFRICA. HUNTINGTON HAS LEFT THE GOVERNMENT, AND HIS VIEWS WERE REJECTED "AT A HIGH OFFICIAL LEVEL." KONDRASHOV ARGUES, HOWEVER, THAT HUNTINGTON AND OTHERS, IN A SECRET MEMORANDUM, HAVE PROPOSED A SERIES OF LIMITATIONS UPON BILATERAL TRADE WHICH THE WHITE HOUSE WOULD BRING INTO EFFECT AT ITS DISCRETION. KONDRASHOV CITES A WASHINGTON POST PIECE TO THE EFFECT THAT HUNTINGTON LEFT BEHIND A "CAREFULLY PREPARED TRAP" INDICATING WHERE SOVIET-AMERICAN TRADE COULD BE THREATENED THIS, HE ARGUES, IS WHAT THE PRESIDENT IS DOING, BY USING THE METHOD OF REVIEWING ALREADY CONCLUDED BUSINESS DEALS AS A RESPONSE TO DISSIDENT TRIALS IN THE

USSR.

4. ACCORDING TO THE COMMENTARY, WEST EUROPEANS, BY CONTRAST, SEPARATE POLITICS FROM TRADE. FOR THEM, ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH THE USSR HAS BECOME REAL AND HIGHLY VALUED. AT THE SAME TIME, TRADE INFLUENCES POLITICS, STRENGTHENING A MORE RESPONSIBLE AND CAREFUL POSTURE TOWARD DETENTE THAN IN THE US. WEST EUROPEANS THUS ARE PORTRAYED AS NOT WANTING TO "REPEAT AMERICAN ZIGZAGS" STEMMING FROM VACILLATING POLITICAL TRENDS IN THE US. KONDRASHOV CONCLUDED THAT, WHILE IT IS DIFFICULT TO DRAW AN UNAMBIGUOUS MORAL FROM THIS SITUATION, ONE CAN SAY THAT OPPONENTS OF DETENTE IN THE US ARE MORE AGGRESSIVE AND INFLUENTIAL THAN THEY ARE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN WESTERN EUROPE, AND THAT "SO-CALLED PUBLIC OPINION" IS MORE SUSCEPTIBLE TO THEIR MANIPULATION. THE WEST EUROPEANS, BY CONTRAST, ARE HELD TO VALUE DETENTE MORE HIGHLY AND TO BE UNWILLING TO SACRIFICE ECONOMIC TIES ON THE "ALTER OF REGULAR ANTI-SOVIET PSYCHOSIS." GARRISON

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